

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 Currently Amended): A sealing device for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member surrounding an outer periphery ~~thereof~~ of the shaft, and a rod guide fixed on an inner periphery of the outer peripheral member, the sealing device comprising:

a washer held by said outer peripheral member and said rod guide;

a main lip integrally bonded to a sealed space side of the washer and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface of said shaft;

an auxiliary lip integrally formed in an outer peripheral side of the main lip;

a backup ring fitted to a portion between an atmosphere side of a slidable surface of said main lip and an inner peripheral portion of said washer and separating said main lip from the atmosphere side and the inner peripheral portion of said washer;

a dust lip integrally bonded to the atmosphere side of said washer and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface of said shaft; and

an outer peripheral lip integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion of said washer and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member,

said auxiliary lip being in close contact with an inner peripheral surface of an inner peripheral step portion formed in an inner periphery of said rod guide extending continuously in a circumferential direction, with a fastening margin and said auxiliary lip ~~extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the shaft and being formed in an inner periphery of a rod guide~~ in an outer peripheral side of said main lip, the rod guide having a contact portion with said washer and said rod guide being fixed to said outer peripheral member and said rod guide also having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft ~~so as to be continuous between said shaft and said outer peripheral member in a circumferential direction, with a proper fastening margin.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A sealing device for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member surrounding an outer periphery ~~thereof~~ of the

shaft, and a rod guide fixed on an inner periphery of the outer peripheral member,
the sealing device comprising:

a washer held by said outer peripheral member and said rod guide and
provided in a sealed space side in an inner peripheral portion of a main lip holding
concave portion;

a main lip closely fitted and attached to the washer by ~~only a~~ said main lip
holding concave portion ~~formed in a sealed space side in an inner peripheral~~
~~portion of the washer~~ so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction and
slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface of said shaft;

an auxiliary lip integrally formed in an outer peripheral side of the main lip;

a backup ring fitted to a portion between an atmosphere side of a slidable
surface of the main lip and a rising surface of ~~an~~ the inner peripheral portion of
said main lip holding concave portion of the washer, said main lip holding concave
portion including the rising surface extending in a direction radially outwardly
from the shaft and terminating in a surface extending perpendicular to the rising
surface, and said backup ring bearing said main lip between the atmosphere side
and the inner peripheral portion of the washer;

a dust lip integrally bonded to the atmosphere side of said washer and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface of said shaft; and

an outer peripheral lip integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion of said washer and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member, said auxiliary lip being in close contact with a cylindrical inner peripheral surface of said main lip holding concave portion and with an end surface of said rod guide, with fastening margins, the rod guide having a contact portion with said washer at the end surface and said rod guide being fixed to said outer peripheral member and said rod guide also having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)